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Memo to File:

Re: Montello Mine  
Interstate Brick  
ACT/003/004

This mine was inspected by Mike Thompson, Jim Smith, and Ron Daniels on the 30th of November 1977 to examine the mine development work under the previously approved mining and reclamation plan. The inspection indicated that two extra roads were being utilized which could create an erosion problem. Therefore, two roads cut from the mouth of the canyon still exist and are not needed. A new road is presently being constructed by Interstate Brick to eliminate the erosion soils problem and provide a more direct gravelled haulage road. Mr. Jim McWilliams, Site Foreman, indicated that the two additional roads will be reseeded this fall so that the area will be stabilized and productive. Access will then be permitted on the gravel access road only.

Generally, the mine is being developed according to the plan, however, a deviation from the submitted plan is present in that, the clay pit is now being developed on the south side of the canyon. Interstate Brick will be contacted on this point.

The road into this dry canyon, located in a very arid environment, has generally been well constructed. Several crossings of the dry wash exists and these have been done using very gradual approaches. The pad area adjacent to the upper most pad was also well constructed. The pad location and configuration will allow for regrading and stabilization. One item which was not included in the previously submitted plan was the utilization of a gravel pit approximately 1/2 mile from the mouth of the canyon. It is the Division's opinion that the gravel pit should be included in the mining and reclamation plan. Interstate Brick will be contacted on this point also.

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